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Madrid, December 19.

THe Prince Don *Vicente Gonzaga* who hath for several years had the Administration of the Presidentship of the Council of the *Indies* (the propriety of which is in the Duke of *Medina Celi*) having after long solicitation obtained leave to retire on account of his great age, the Duke of *Medina Celi* has received a command from the King to assist Personally in the said Council, who accordingly took his Place there in the 16th Instant. The *Alcalde de Corte*, who was sent to *Fuenteravia* to examine the matter concerning the French Ships that were lately lost in that River, has remitted hither several Informations taken by him upon the place, and has caused the Governor to be secured till the Kings pleasure be known thereupon. We are informed by an Express from *Cadiz*, that an English Ship arrived there from *Jamaica*, hath brought an account that the Fleet from *New Spain* with the Quick-Silver Ships, may be expected this month at *Cadiz* with a considerable Treasure. They write from the same place of the 10th past, that Captain *Priestman* intended to put to Sea the next day with the English Frigats under his command for the Coast of *Barbary*; And that Captain *Wheeler* in the *Tiger* would sail that evening for the *Levant*. The design of Establishing a Company for the *West-Indies* is zealously promoted by the Marquis de *los Balbaces*, and the Marquis de *Alancera*, and the Heads of the Proposals having been transmitted to the President of the Contrabaction-House at *Seville*, he has desired all the Eminent Trading men, as well there as at *Cadiz*, to give him in writing their opinions upon them.

Vienna, December 21. The Emperor has, it's said, resolved to have two Armies in *Hungary* the next Summer; The one to be commanded by the Elector of *Bavaria*, and the other by the Duke of *Lorraine*; and great Magazines are providing here and at several places in *Hungary*. In the mean time they write from *Hungary* that the *Bavarian* Troops are very uneasy in their Quarters, the Inhabitants having in most places abandoned their Houses, and being fled with what they could carry with them into the Towns and Castles possessed by the Rebels, so that the Soldiers finding nothing left for their subsistence, desert very fast; and besides, it's said, that 600 of them have been cut off by the Turks and the Hungarians. Several Commissioners have been sent from hence to take an account of the Imperial Troops who have their Winter-quarters in *Hungary*, *Silesia*, &c. that the Emperor may be exactly informed of their number and the condition they are in. The Eldest Prince of *Poland* is very suddenly expected here, a Gentleman being come hither this week to prepare things against his arrival. We are told from *Presbourg* that the Imperialists have taken some Provisions which the Country People of the Neighborhood were carrying to *Newbushel*. An Ingenier who lately arrived here from *Flanders*, has undertaken to make a great number of Bombs, Gre-

nadoes, and Carcasses of a new Invention; which he pretends will do greater execution than any that have been yet made use of.

Ratisbonne, Decemb. 28. They write from *Munich* that the Elector of *Bavaria* will return to *Vienna* about the middle of the next month, to celebrate his Marriage with the Archduchess the Emperors Daughter. The Letters from *Cracow* give an account, that the King of *Poland* is sending an Ambassador to *Moscow* to endeavour to adjust matters with that Court: And that the Diet is appointed to be held at *Warsaw* the 20th of February next.

Cologne, January 2. The Count de *Dann* the Imperial Minister parted from this place the 30th past for *Paderborne*, from whence he has orders to go to the Courts of *Lunenbourg*. The Count de *Meyersheim*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperor to the Elector of *Cologne*, arrived here on Saturday last from *Liege*, and went the next day to *Bonne*. The Regiment of Horse which the Elector of *Cologne* has given the Emperor, is commanded by Count *Emanuel de Furstenberg*, and is now quartered within the Territories of *Aix*. The Letters from *Hungary* tell us, that the Troops of *Bavaria* and *Suabia* are much dissatisfied with their Winter-quarters, and the more for that General *Schultz* hath taken the best for the Imperialists which are under his command. The same Letters say, that the Count de *Zobor*, who was posted with 1400 Hussars and 1000 German Horse in the Neighbourhood of *Newbushel*, had taken 15 Wagons, which were carrying Provisions to that place.

Brussels, January 9. The Elector of *Cologne* has, we are assured, promised to assist the Emperor with 6000 men, to wit, 4500 Foot, and 1500 Horse, and two Companies of Grenadiers and Miners, which he will maintain at his own charge during the present War with the Turks; And besides these his Electoral Highness has given his Imperial Majesty a Regiment of 800 Horse to be disposed of as he thinks fit. The Duke of *Hanover* will likewise send a considerable Body of men to the Emperor's assistance, which are to be commanded by the Prince his Son, and under him by Lieutenant-General *Chauver*. The Burghers of this City continue to keep a double Guard at the Town-House to secure the Keys of the Gates, which they are jealous there is a design to take out of their hands. The French Officer that was sent hither the last week by the Count de *Montbron*, is returned to *Lille*. The last Letters from *Vienna* are of the 24th past, which tell us, that Prince *James* the King of *Poland*'s Eldest Son was expected at that Court in few days.

Hague, January 5. The Scout of *Dort* instead of obeying the suspension of the Court of Justice, has made his Appeal to the great Council, who have received the same, and have ordered that all Proceedings against him shall be stopt till the matter has been examined before them. The Deputies of *Dort* parted from hence again the third Instant; They had, they said, no orders to offer any thing on the part of the Town, but only to make report to their Principals of what was proposed to them.

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